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Tarring Hindi letters in the name boards in railway stations.

* 209 *Q.*—Sri A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many railway stations the members of the Dravida Kazhagam tarred the Hindi letters in the name boards of the stations in Tamil Nad in 1953; and

(*b*) whether the Government took any action against the members concerned?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) Government do not consider it advisable to encourage this disorderly conduct by collecting and advertising the figure.

" (*b*) Government decided to ignore the stunt and disappoint the organizers. However, owing to clashes between rival groups at Sathur and Virudhunagar the police had to take some persons into custody to prevent serious breaches of the peace."

Pariyaram Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Chirakkal taluk.

* 210 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to give any yearly grant to Pariyaram Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" No proposals in the matter have so far been received from the Sanatorium authorities."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, there is only one tuberculosis sanatorium in Malabar and T.B. cases are increasing in this district. The institution is run by public contributions. As public contributions are not forthcoming satisfactorily, there is every likelihood of the general ward in the sanatoriam being closed down. Will the Government be pleased to give a grant for maintaining the sanatorium? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" When proposals come in connexion with the maintenance, they will be duly considered."

Sri K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" What facilities are given to the in-patients admitted in the sanatorium and may I know what the total strength is? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, it is a private sanatorium. I have no information."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" May I know whether the Government have given an outright grant in lieu of buildings and equipment which the sanatorium has already earned by having put up costly structures and importing costly apparatus, in respect of which the Government is bound to make a grant and secondly may I know whether the Government is aware that although the sanatorium buildings are standing by, patients are not being admitted for want of funds, particularly in a place like Malabar where tuberculosis is of frequent occurrence? "